

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 517 - HB 649

February 23, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Utility Management Review Board (UMRB) to oversee mergers of financially distressed utility districts.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-704, when a utility district is found to be financially distressed, the UMRB may initiate and oversee negotiations for the consolidation of the distressed district with other utility districts, municipal utility systems, or county utility systems in order to restore financial stability of the utility.
- The UMRB will provide oversight for such mergers utilizing existing staff and resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to state government is considered not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The UMRB currently oversees consolidations of financially distressed utility districts. Authorizing the UMRB to also oversee the mergers of such districts with other local utility systems will not result in any significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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